Growing on tradition

Past Pupil, Clare Poppi (Senior of 2003) plants a seed

“From little things, big things grow” is the catch phrase at Brigidine College Indooroopilly in 2014. The message can be taken quite literally!

Brigidine past pupil and local jewellery artist Clare Poppi spoke to College staff in January about her craft in sustainable jewellery. Her ethical use of biodegradable and recycled metals sits comfortably with the Brigidine charism of environmental stewardship.

It’s a case of the pupil teaching the teacher! As illustrated, Clare’s jewellery has a living component.

“Clare reinforced the message that it’s everyone’s responsibility to care for the earth” Mr Beiers, Deputy Principal Mission said. “Following Clare’s presentation, each student was given the gift of a tiny mustard seed at the Opening Mass to carry throughout the year to remind her that all things take time and must be nurtured to grow strong and resilient.”

As Brigidine College celebrates 85 years of providing Catholic secondary girls education this year, it is graduates like Clare who in everyday life and work put into practice the lessons learnt at school. As a Brigidine past pupil, she is living out the school motto of being a strong and gentle woman.

To find out more about Clare’s fashion label, Small Green Leaf, go to: http://clarepoppi.com